

Title (en)

Rare-earth barium copper oxide superconducting materials.

Title (de)

Oxid von seltenen Erden, Barium und Kupfer als supraleitende Materialien.

Title (fr)

Oxyde de terre rare, baryum et cuivre comme matériaux supraconducteurs.

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Abstract (en)

The invention comprises metal oxide materials which exhibit bulk superconductivity at a Tc in excess of 85K in some cases, within the formula R_{1-x}Ba_{2-y}A_{x+y}Cu_aO_{8-delta} where: 0<=x<0.3 and 0<=y<0.3 provided that x+y NOTEQUAL 0, -0.25 < delta < 0.25 3.9 < a < 4.1 R is Y, La, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Ho, Er, Tm or Yb or any combination thereof, Ba is Ba or Ba partially substituted by either or both of Sr and La, A is most preferably Ca but may be Li, Na, K, Rb or Cs, or any combination thereof, Cu is Cu or Cu partially substituted by Ag, Au, Hg, Tl, Bi, Pb, Sb or Ga, or any Periodic Table transition metal element or Group 3A, 4A or 5A metal or any combination thereof, and O is O or O partially substituted by N, P, S, Se, or F or any combination thereof. Novel processes for preparation of the materials comprising reacting precursor materials for between 1 and 300 hours at a temperature T and oxygen partial pressure Po₂ satisfying the equation T < 1220 - 180L + 21L² where L = log10Po₂ are also disclosed and claimed. The preparation reaction may be carried out as a solid state or liquid flux reaction of precursor materials in stoichiometric proportions and an alkali metal flux, catalyst or reaction rate enhancer comprising an oxide, chloride, nitrate, hydroxide or carbonate of the alkali may be employed.

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